



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held August 5, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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At the time and place regularly set, notice having been duly given, the following item was called up:

Hearing to update the Housing Element consisting of technical revisions to address the Regional Housing Needs Assessment for the County; revisions to reflect recent changes in the State Housing Element Law; updated analyses; new programs to meet the County's housing development goals; adopt a resolution approving the 2008-14 Draft Housing Element and determine that the Draft Housing Element is compatible with and supports the goals and policies of the Los Angeles County General Plan; repeal the Board's action of October 23, 2001 (Board Order 32) relating to the Housing Element for the 1998-2005 planning period; and approval of the Negative Declaration (ND) and determination that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and that the ND reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the County, as further described in the attached letter dated June 18, 2008 from the Director of Planning.

All persons wishing to testify were sworn in by the Executive Officer of the Board. Connie Chung, representing the Department of Regional Planning testified. Opportunity was given for interested persons to address the Board. Arnold Sachs, Sandy Chu, Paul Zimmerman and others addressed the Board. Written correspondence was presented.

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Molina and Yaroslavsky:

“The housing crisis continues to loom over Los Angeles County, affecting our residents in profound ways. The Housing Element Update provides an opportunity for the County to comprehensively assess and adjust its goals, policies and programs to address the effects of the evolving housing crisis on the unincorporated communities of the County. It emphasizes the provision of housing opportunities for a variety of incomes and needs through a number of housing types. The Housing Element includes a number of new programs designed to maintain and increase the supply of housing, especially affordable housing. These programs will play a vital role in the County’s ability to foster healthy communities by providing access to a broad spectrum of housing.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried; the Board closed the hearing and took the following actions:

1. Considered and adopted the attached Negative Declaration (ND) and made a finding that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the ND reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the County;
2. Adopted a resolution approving the recommendation of the Regional Planning Commission as reflected in the attached 2008-2014 Draft Housing Element and determined that it is compatible with and supportive of the goals and policies of the Los Angeles County General Plan;
3. Repealed the Housing Element for the 1998-2005 planning period, which was adopted by the Board on October 23, 2001, upon effect of the attached 2008-2014 Draft Housing Element;
4. Instructed the Department of Regional Planning to submit the adopted resolution and adopted Housing Element to the State Department of Housing and Community Development for certification review;

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5. Instructed the Department of Regional Planning to immediately initiate the required feasibility studies for establishing a program for small lot subdivisions and an inclusionary housing policy and report back to the Board within a year; and
6. Instructed all County Departments identified in the Housing Element to initiate the implementation of the remaining programs identified in the Housing Element.

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Attachments

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor
Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Director of Planning